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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON  
VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE AND THE ARTS  
ON  
MARCH 23, 2015

H.C.R. 201 / H.R. 137

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SERVICES A TASK FORCE TO PLAN AND COORDINATE THE CELEBRATION  
OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAWAII STATE CAPITOL

Chair Ito and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.C.R. 201 / H.R. 137.

The Department of Accounting and General Services supports H.C.R. 201 / H.R. 137 and will work collaboratively with the task force and other interested parties if legislative funding, which does not adversely impact the Executive Budget, is provided to effectuate the purpose of these measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this matter.



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Chair Ito and members of the Committee, I am Jonathan Johnson,  
executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA) and I  
am pleased to testify in support of HCR 201/HR 137.

Recognizing the significant role culture and art plays in the identity of  
Hawai'i, art has been integrated into Hawai'i public buildings since the origin of  
our Hawai'i State Capitol. Our civic planners laid the foundation for  
incorporating works of art in state buildings by creating a state capitol, uniquely  
designed to reflect our island state.

The Capitol building itself, with its rotunda open to Hawaii's brilliant blue  
skies, its statuesque palm-like columns, the volcanic shaped chambers, and  
stunning mosaic mural by Tadashi Sato, chamber chandeliers by Otto Piene and  
exquisite tapestries by Ruthadell Anderson is referred to as a "modernist  
expression of civic ideals."

With the passing of time, it is important to celebrate and commemorate  
endeavors of significance to inform future generations of this great states legacy.  
This task force has an opportunity to celebrate the unique qualities of the  
Hawai'i State Capitol as a reminder of the distinctive characteristics that shape  
our great state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.